

Application No.: 09/806,775

Docket No.: 20386-00294-US

REMARKS

Claims 21-27 are pending in the application. Claims 1-20 have been cancelled.

Amendments to the Claims

Based upon Applicants' review of the Preliminary Amendment filed July 9, 2001 and the Office Action of April 16, 2003, Applicants have discovered that the Preliminary Amendment inadvertently amended the claims of the Finnish patent FI 98832 supplied in Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement of April 4, 2001, rather than the claims of PCT application PCT/FI99/00818 of which the present application is a National Stage application. It also appears that the Examiner inadvertently examined the claims of the Finnish patent FI 98832. Applicants note that that the Preliminary Amendment indicated 10 original claims (corresponding to the number of claims in the Finnish patent FI 98832) whereas the PCT application only included 7 claims. Therefore, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-20 and submitted new claims 21-27. Claims 21-27 include the subject matter of claims 1-7 of the PCT application. No new matter has been added.

Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112

Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-20 as being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested. Claims 1-20 have been cancelled.

Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being clearly anticipated by FI 98832 is respectfully requested. Claims 1-20 have been canceled.

Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(d) as being barred by FI 98832 is respectfully requested. Claims 1-20 have been canceled.

New Claims 21-27

New claims 21-27 are believed to be allowable over the cited art.

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Conclusion

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 20386-00294-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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